

THE HUMMINGBIRD HAWKMOTH (*MACROGLOSSUM STELLATARUM* L.) IN LONDON. — It may be of interest to record that my son Nicholas, a university student who has been interested in lepidoptera for many years now, saw a Hummingbird Hawkmoth at Primrose Hill, N.W.3, at about 8 p.m. on the very hot evening of Sunday, 27th June, 1976. — DENNIS BURROWS, 22 Lime Tree Walk, West Wickham, Kent.

EUSTROTIA BANKIANA FAB. (SILVER BARRED) IN SUSSEX. — Whilst collecting with Mr. C. Pratt on 4th July, we each captured with m.v. light a perfect specimen of the above. Apparently the last published record for Sussex was of one in 1953 (1961, South, *M.B.I.*, 1: 350). — G. BOTWRIGHT, 30 Valley Road, Newhaven, Sussex.

THE OLD LADY (*MORMO MAURA* L.) ON MULL. — On the night of 14th/15th August, 1973 a mercury vapour light was operated at Coille Ardura, Isle of Mull, an area of open oak woodland and acid peatland. The lamp was situated in open, boggy ground dominated by *Molinia caerulea* and *Juncus articulatus* by Abhin a' Choire (National Grid Ref. NM683295). During the night a heavy mist hung in the valley and in the early hours of the morning the hooting of tawny owls prompted me to look out of my tent pitched nearby. An owl was perched on the edge of the trap, its eyes almost closed against the glare of the lamp, as it groped around in its attempt to catch moths as they entered the trap.

The catch of moths was not large and included *Opisthograptis luteolata* L., *Hydriomena furcata* Thunberg, *Alcis jubata* Thunberg, *Cidaria fulvata* Forster, *Coenotephria salicata* Hb., *Xanthorhoe munitata* Hb., *Stilbia anomala* Haw., *Autographa bractea* D. & S., *A. pulchrina* Haw., *Plusia festucae* L., *Rivula sericealis* Scop., *Noctua pronuba* L., *N. comes* Hb., *Apamea monoglypha* Hufn., *Mythimna impura* Hb., *Cerapteryx graminis* L., *Celaena haworthii* Curtis, *C. leucostigma* Hb., *Photodes pygmina* Haw. and *Nymphula nymphaeata* L., but to my great surprise, on inspecting the last egg carton in the bottom of the trap I found a good specimen of the Old Lady, *Mormo maura* L. This would seem to be well north of its usual range of distribution in Britain. — P. WORMELL, Assistant Regional Officer, Argyll and Bute, Nature Conservancy Council, 12 Hope Terrace, Edinburgh, EH9 2AS.

PHYLLONORYCTER HEEGERIELLA (ZELLER), IN HAMPSHIRE. — Four specimens from West Walk, Wickham, and three from Havant Thicket emerged from mines I collected from leaf-clavent young oaks in January 1976. It is strange that this moth has not apparently been recorded from Hampshire before, for it must surely be widespread though possibly at low density. — JOHN R. LANGMAID, 38 Cumberland Court, Festing Road, Southsea, Hampshire.